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#### Survey Response

Name:	John Mackey
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Email address:	<a href="mailto:john.mackey40@gmail.com">john.mackey40@gmail.com</a>
Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):	I am writing to strongly urge you to not pass the urgency ordinance as it relates to the Paso Robles water basin. I have sympathy for those who have lost their wells, but to penalize others for their loss is not right. Do you know the actual number of lost wells and the age or condition of these? Focusing on solutions for this seems a better approach. The complaint is the vineyards in their area, when in fact the City of Paso Robles supplies the residents with water obtained from the Jardin district. Please say no to the ordinance. Thank you for your consideration.



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### Survey Response

Name:	Gary Felsman
Telephone Number:	
Email address:	<a href="mailto:backpackingary1@gmail.com">backpackingary1@gmail.com</a>
Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):	<p>Dear Board of Supervisors: It is quite clear that the North County is over drafting the water basin. We all know this is not just a north county issue. I just moved from Corbett Canyon Road on Paloma Place in AG. We have multiple wells on our property as we sit in the Aquifer for the Stagecoach area. Our well is 160 feet deep. In September of 2000 the well pumped 17GPM over a 4 hour test. in 2013, we are now only pumping 5 GPM. The level of water did not change, but the amount of water flowing certainly did. The residents of north county have the same issues. Many years ago, they only had to dig shallow wells to hit water to get adequate flow. But now with the increased pumping of the Basin. The level has dropped significantly, forcing many wells dry. Thus they have to drill new wells to find water which are much deeper than before. Is this fair, I don't think so. These people are affected by the increased pumping on the basin. As I remember it as new projects are approved. Part of the CEQA Process is to examine the cumulative affects of a give project on it neighbors and others in the region. Clearly this has not been done consistently through each project. In this case the water basin is going lower and lower, affecting neighbors with shallow wells. We all know something has to be done to reduce water</p>

usage throughout the basin in both agriculture and residential uses. At a minimum the County needs to assess how we can keep shallow wells in service for the long run. At a minimum instead of giving loans to those with shallow wells leaving the financial burden on them. a Pool/Mitigation fund needs to be established to pay for new wells that need to be drilled for those that are affected in the short term But the real solutions is to establish rules that protect the basin, reduce water usage in both Ag and Rural use. New ideas on how to grow grapes or any other crop with less water need to take affect. Thanks for listening. Sincerely, Gary Felsman  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

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July 30, 2013

Supervisor Bruce Gibson  
San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors  
Room D-430  
County Government Center  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Dear Supervisor Gibson,

The development the North County witnessed during the last 10-15 years was based on a water bubble that has burst for small property owners & is beginning to burst for the large owners. The economic fallout has already begun and has the potential to be devastating unless immediate action is taken.

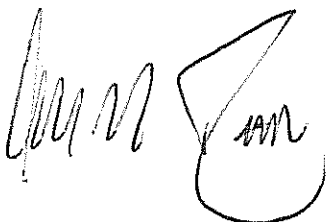
I've lived in the Ground Squirrel Hollow area for 10-years. I replaced my submersible pump in 07/2011 at which time the water level had dropped approximately 60'. As neighbor after neighbor are forced to lower their pumps or drill wells, I was prompted to check my water level recently & determined that I need to lower my pump once again. My biggest fear is at a time when property values are on the rise, my property could lose much, if not all of its value.

The over drafting of the aquifer has reached a crisis level. Contrary to what some would have us believe, this is a widespread problem throughout the county. The time for caution has long since passed. As the number of property owners in distress grows like a wildfire, we need immediate action! Since supply options are long term, all measures to reduce pumping must be considered. Without short term solutions, many of us won't be around if/when long term solutions come to fruition.

The current board of supervisors has lacked leadership and consensus builders to offer real solutions on this matter, especially our North County Supervisors. If the emotional & financial hardship many in the rural community are going through is not enough to press our supervisors into action, maybe losing our votes is the answer.

Thank you for your support of immediate pumping reductions as well as other prudent short & long term solutions.

Sincerely



William Erickson

Paso Robles, CA 93446

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Presented By: William Erickson  
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#### Survey Response

Name:	David Mortensen
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Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):	<p>Dear SLO Supervisor, This is to share my thoughts on the very difficult decisions regarding the groundwater situation facing the SLO Board of Supervisors. In general I agree with most of the staff recommendations—especially those intended to slow down the rapid development of new, irrigated ag property. We currently live on 10 acres, 4 planted in vineyard. We are replacing our lawn with low-water, drip-irrigated landscaping. I have already installed an irrigation controller that adjusts the irrigation times based on current weather conditions. Small farms, like ours, are typically on PG&amp;E residential electric rate schedules, so we already pay a fortune for electricity – a very strong incentive not to waste any water. Here are a couple of suggestions which might make the emergency resolution more palatable to local residents: 1. Find a way to exempt farmers/ranchers who live on their own property from irrigation restrictions. a. PG&amp;E residential electric rates? b. Property tax bill matches local mailing address? 2. Immediately stop all new ag well drilling a. Every new ag well will make the eventual, long-term solution more difficult and expensive b. The minute that the Board even hints at halting new ag land development, you will see a tidal wave of new wells being developed to beat any potential</p>

future restrictions. I appreciate the complexity of this problem; I hope these suggestions are helpful. Sincerely, David and Valerie Mortensen Tangled Oaks Vineyard, LLC Paso Robles 93446



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#### Survey Response

Name:	Lee Mackey
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Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):	Dear Board of Supervisors: I live in the north county and have attended 2 meetings on the water problem in our area. It seems obvious that we have a problem, but it needs to be addressed fairly and unemotionally by all. Before a solution can be found, we need to identify where the wells are and what is the cause of their going dry. In my opinion PRAAGS has the best ideas that will accommodate both the small homeowner and the agricultural properties. I urge you to vote against the Urgency Ordinance as proposed and to work with the residents to come up with a more suitable solution. Thank you.